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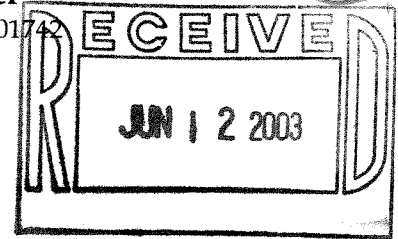


Organization for the Assabet River  
Damonmill Square, Concord, Massachusetts 01742

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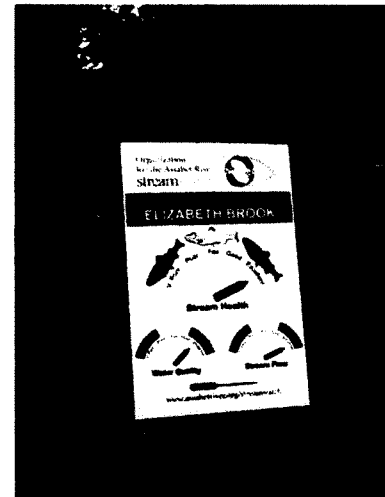
Acton Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
472 Main Street  
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Acton Board of Selectmen:

I am writing, on behalf of the Organization for the Assabet River, to ask your permission to post a sign from June through September 2003 on public property in Acton, on Concord Road near Ice House Pond. We would like to post this sign as soon as possible.

The sign, which resembles the sign in the photo at right (except it says "Nashoba Brook" instead of "Elizabeth Brook") is 2' by 3' in dimension, and double-sided. We will work with the Acton Conservation staff to secure the sign so that it is not stolen. The arrows in the sign will be moved each week by OAR volunteers to correspond with weekly stream conditions.

The purpose of the sign is to post real-time information about the stream flow, water quality, and overall stream health of Nashoba Brook to raise awareness among Acton citizens about this local stream and the changes it undergoes in the course of the summer. The sign is one of six signs that we plan to post in six communities around the Assabet watershed this summer as part of our StreamWatch program, funded by EPA under its EMPACT Metro program. The purpose of this EPA program is to get scientific data about environmental conditions to citizens in real time. We have chosen to focus on major tributary streams to the Assabet River, a valuable, but often overlooked local resource.



For more information about this program, please give me or Sue Flint, OAR's staff scientist, a call, or you can visit our website at [www.assabetriver.org/streamwatch](http://www.assabetriver.org/streamwatch).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director

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Cc: Tom Tidman, Conservation Agent, Conservation Commission

**TOWN OF ACTON**

**Building Department**

***INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION***

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**To:** Don P. Johnson, Town Manager **Date:** June 20, 2003  
**From:** Garry A. Rhodes, Building Commissioner   
**Subject:** Sign Request

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I have reviewed the request from O.A.R. for permission to place a sign on public property. According to the Board of Selectmen sign policy the Board may grant the sign request at their discretion. If granted it should not be placed to interfere with vehicle sight distance

# ACTON NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

## INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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**To:** Don P. Johnson, Town Manager **Date:** June 20, 2003  
**From:** Tom Tidman, Director   
**Subject:** OAR – Sign

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Don,

We would install the sign near Ice House Pond, visible from Concord Road. The sign will be set back from the road at least five feet and will be secured to a tree. (See attached map.)

If you would like, I can have the sign on display for the Selectmen to take a look at Monday night. I have no problem with the sign being installed at Ice House Pond.

